

## TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

## BUSINESS.

Yesterday's bank clearings were \$15,738,000, balance \$2,744,000. Local discount rates were between 4 1/2 and 5 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 100 discount bid, par asked; Chicago, 100 par bid, 100 premium asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, 25 discount bid, par asked.

Wheat closed lower at 1 1/2 3/4 Dec. \$1.23 1/4 No. 2 red. Corn closed higher at 46 3/4 1/2 Dec. 100 1/2 No. 2 mixed. Oats closed at 30c nominal Dec. 100 No. 2 mixed.

Spot cotton steady in the local market.

## WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

The assault on Port Arthur has become furious. The Japanese being determined to reduce the fortress in this attack. New positions, regarded as of great importance, have been captured.

Oyama begins the attack south of Mukden, on the extreme ends of Kuropatkin's front, by heavy bombardments at Lone Tree Hill and Shichiharu.

Oyama has received heavy reinforcements, estimated at between 40,000 and 50,000, and he is ready for a general forward movement. His forces are now equal, numerically, to Kuropatkin's, if not larger.

## LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Senate Ball of Texas is the lion of the hour at the Texas Building at the World's Fair.

A. E. Booker made the title guaranty Trust Company, alleging that the promoters in effecting a merger made a secret vote of \$249,000 by the deal.

The House of Delegates considered a bill to establish a municipal library.

Senator Manuel Luciano Diaz, Secretary of Public Works of Cuba, says that the Cubans do not wish to be annexed to the United States.

A Chinese servant of Doctor Hugo Hardy, one of the World's Fair Commissioners from Germany, was ordered back to China under the exclusion act.

The Democrats claim a victory after the big showing Saturday night.

The Reverend F. A. Mayhall says Christ would attract no attention on St. Louis streets if he had nothing to give away.

Boys at play induced A. B. Katz, a young Russian, to pick up a live electric wire, which burned his hand and caused him to lose a finger.

The owner of a recent, a rose comb black Minorca cock on view at the poultry show at the Fair, refused \$1,000 for the fowl.

Cornelius J. Doyle resigns as custodian of the Illinois building at the World's Fair.

Miss Lella Saltee, the Mexico, Mo., young woman who refused to be transferred from the Missouri building to the Palace of Agriculture is now in the Rhode Island Pavilion.

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## FOLK WELCOMED TO OZARK REGION.

Candidate Speaks From Train at Sullivan, Kolla and Richland to Thousands.

## BEATS FAIRBANKS' CROWDS.

Enthusiasm Does Not Wane as Campaign Draws to an End—Many Republicans in the Audiences.

## BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Richland Mo., Oct. 31.—In campaigning Southwest Missouri today, Joseph W. Folk, Democratic nominee for Governor, received ovations more remarkable and drew crowds much larger than did United States Senator Fairbanks, nominee of his party for Vice President, on visits to the same towns last week.

Citizens of Sullivan, Kolla and Richland, stops made this morning and afternoon, testified positively on this point after having attended both the Republican and Democratic meetings.

The interest evinced by the audiences assembled to-day and that their number exceeded that drawn by the most conspicuous figure in the national Republican campaign are facts accepted as assurance that Folk is as much and more so the popular choice for Governor than he was when a candidate for the nomination when he began his canvass for election.

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## SAGER AND FISSE GROW RECKLESS.

Many Irresponsible Statements Made by G. O. P. Workers in Ward Meetings.

## SPEAKERS MALIGN FOLK.

Head of Republican Law Department Says Circuit Attorney Regretted Every Verdict of Guilty for Booblers.

Frenzied by the inexorable anticipations of the campaign, Republican speakers at the ward meetings are going to lengths which are startling, even to those who have been familiar with the idiocyncies of the local politicians now running the organization in this city.

Last night one of many ward meetings was held in the Fourth Ward at Light-stone's Hall, Eleventh street and Franklin avenue. It was a typically manly Republican ward affair. It was held on the second floor in a small back room that was nearly full before the gathering adjourned. Pictures in abundance of candidates adorned the walls. Copies of William Zachris's defense, Roosevelt's letter of acceptance, reprints from the Commonwealth relating to Judge Parker and advertisements of the nominees kept the dust from rubbing in the clothes of those who occupied the chairs.

Fifteen gas and electric lights helped to remove the room from the cigar smoke. Music and singing in payment of the indebtedness of the Transit Company. Bonds and stock of the United Railways Company were to be made up to the stockholders for the money advanced, in proportion to the amounts of stock held by them, it is stated.

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Brown Bros. & Co., the National Bank of Commerce of New York City, the United Railways Company and the Transit Company, all of which are parties to the suit, Judge Fisher made an order directing the defendants to show cause November 11 why the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted, a restraining order to prevail in the meantime.

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## LEAPS ABOARD CAR TO ESCAPE ARREST

Alleged Shoplifter Is Captured After a Long Chase—Woman Is Also Detained.

Leaping on a crowded street car to avoid arrest, a man who is held at the Four Courts on the charge of shoplifting, was closely followed by Patrolman Richard Ward yesterday afternoon, and after a struggle, taken to the Four Courts.

Employees in a department store detected the man and a woman acting suspiciously around the cutlery counter and informed the house detective. As the officer approached the man and woman ran from the store.

They were chased south on Broadway to St. Charles street, west to Sixth, and then south to Locust street, where the woman disappeared, and the man leaped aboard a street car.

Patrolman Ward had joined in the chase, and although one of the largest men in the department, he gained sufficiently on the fugitive to catch the car and arrest him.

At the Four Courts the prisoner gave his name as Charles Van Almanc. Half an hour later a woman arrived at the Four Courts, and giving her name as May German, inquired if Van Almanc had been arrested. She, too, was taken into custody.

Several pairs of scissors, the police say, were found in Van Almanc's pockets, which have been identified as stolen from the department store where he fled. One pair was found on the sidewalk.

Patrolman Ward ascertained that Van Almanc had been living at No. 318 South Seventh street, although the prisoner gave another address.

The policeman searched the prisoner's room and found a trunk filled with silk collars, briefs and other articles that have been identified by managers of several stores. A warrant will be applied for to-day.

## FRANCE AND UNITED STATES EXPECTED TO MAKE TREATY.

Negotiations to Begin After the Election May Lead to Other Important Conferences.

Washington, Oct. 31.—France and the United States expect to begin the negotiation of an arbitration treaty at Washington after the presidential election.

The treaty will be known as the Hay-Jusserand arbitration treaty, and according to the present programme, will follow closely the lines of the British-French arbitration treaty.

Some time ago the French Government, through its ambassador at Washington, informed Secretary Hay that France was ready and willing to conclude such a convention whenever it was possible to do so.

It is pointed out that, while there are few questions of importance pending between this country and France, the negotiation of an arbitration treaty at a time when the diplomatic horizon is so clear will insure an early conclusion of the venture.